

NEWS from the DISTRICT LODGE ROOMS

MASONIC.

Grand Master Malcolm Seaton and Grand High Priest Harry Standford, who has just retired from the position of Grand Master of this jurisdiction, received the following on New Year Day from 2 to 6 o'clock p. m. A large number of distinguished Masons called on the leaders of symbolic and capillary Masonry during the time set for the reception. It was one of the most interesting anniversary occasions in the history of the craft in this jurisdiction.

MYSTIC SHRINERS.

Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine, held its annual meeting at the National Rifles armory last Monday night. There was a large attendance, over 600 nobles being present at one time. Potentate Frank K. Raymond submitted his annual report, which shows that Almas Temple has safely passed the 1,000 mark, and is still climbing up.

The illustrious Potentate in his annual address reviews the results of the year. The following officers were elected for 1902: Potentate, F. K. Raymond, re-elected; chief rabban, William F. Gude, re-elected; assistant rabban, Ed. F. Pillsbury, re-elected; recorder, George H. Walker, re-elected; treasurer, Allison Naylor, re-elected; high priest, and prophet, Frank A. Sebring; Oriental guide, Carter B. Keane, re-elected; representatives to the Imperial Council, Harrison Dingman (ed. vitem); Frank K. Raymond, re-elected; Thomas B. Walker; Fred W. Behrens, re-elected; Dr. F. V. Brooks.

The only representative who has not heretofore sat in the Imperial Council is Dr. F. V. Brooks. The session of the Council will be held at San Francisco in May.

COLUMBIA COMMANDERY, K. T.

The illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred at the stated convocation of Washington Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar Friday night. The degree work was in charge of Captain General Sir H. F. Riley.

Eminent Commander John J. Harrower, of Columbia No. 2, and his associates have been receiving many warm congratulations on the success of the Christmas Day observance of this commandery. About one hundred fraternal turned out.

Eminent Commander of Columbia, the largest of the Templar commanderies, has issued the following New Year greeting to the fraternal community:

"May 1902 prove a year of peace and happiness to thee and thine, and one of prosperity to our beloved commandery, is the sincere wish of your commander. Let each search his heart and if a single unkind or unlovely feeling against a brother exists, cast it out, and begin the new year in the true spirit in which we utter the words, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'"

"Should you feel inclined to censure faults in others you may view, Ask your own heart, are you better, If it has not failed, be true."

"Let not friendly words be broken, Rather strive to a friend to gain; May a word in season be spoken, And the issue be a gain."

"Do not, then, in life's pleasure, Trifle with a brother's faith; Guard it as a valued treasure, Sacred as your own good name."

"Do not form opinions blindly, Hasten to trust, and we believe; Those of whom we're thought unkindly, Oft become our warmest friends."

WASHINGTON COMMANDERY, K. T.

Eminent Commander W. S. Parks and Mrs. Parks received the fraternal community at their residence on Riggs Place New Year Day. Several hundred members of Washington and sister commanderies were in attendance.

Arrangements are completed for the approaching celebration of the anniversary of Washington Commandery, the oldest in this jurisdiction. It will take the form of a banquet at the New Willard, January 14.

THE EASTERN STAR.

The grand officers of the District Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star (adoptive Masonry) assisted by many ladies prominent in the fraternity, received on New Year Day from 5 to 10 p. m. at the lodge rooms of Naval Lodge, F. A. A. M., on Pennsylvania Avenue southeast.

The receiving party consisted of the Most Worthing Grand Patron of the United States, L. C. Bell, Williamson, Worthing Grand Patron, Fred J. Randolph, Past Worthing Grand Matron Mrs. Elmina Foley, Past Grand Matrons, Mrs. Aleena Lamond, Mrs. M. Ella Kopey, Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, Past Grand Patron Mrs. Millard F. Dixon and John F. O'Neill, assisted by the other officers of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mr. C. J. O'Neill, Mrs. Rosa A. Yost, Mrs. Josephine V. Shields, Mrs. M. E. Teachers, Mrs. Carrie Borshelm, Mrs. Della Creamer, Mrs. Mary B. Okey, Mrs. Grace Hotzclaw, Mrs. Julia Streator, Mrs. Amelia Becker, Mrs. Jeannette R. Newton, Mrs. Clara Ball, Mrs. Annie V. Cawson, Mrs. Annie D. Ringler, Mrs. Benjamin A. Allen, Past Matrons, Mrs. Louisia Benzler, Mrs. Kate M. L. Gude, Mrs. E. G. Schneider, Mrs. Liddy Williamson, Mrs. J. F. Warwick, Mrs. Mary S. O'Brien, Mrs. V. Yeaman, Mrs. Bertha Wolf, Mrs. Fannie Taylor, Mrs. Viola C. DeShields, Mrs. M. C. Powell, Mrs. Julia Bright, Mrs. M. E. Adams, Mrs. Georgia Buckley, Mrs. S. F. Tyler, Mrs. C. E. Drury, Mrs. Flora M. Gibson, Mrs. M. R. Burkle, Mrs. N. M. Lardergren, Mrs. Lillie A. Randolph, Mrs. Lillie K. Thomas, Mrs. M. L. Hunt, Mrs. Annie Thirt, Mrs. L. K. Henderson, Mrs. Flora Zee, Mrs. Sophia French, Mrs. Lydia E. Hill, Mrs. M. W. McCathin, Mrs. Charlotte Pitt, Mrs. Louisa Smith, Miss Lulu Cunningham, Miss N. D. Imrey, Associate Matrons, Mrs. M. Meiners, Miss Flora Crocker, Mrs. Mary P. Murphy, Mrs. E. E. Parish, Mrs. Minnie M. James, Mrs. Emma Burns, Mrs. Mamie Harrison, Mrs. Kate Johnson, and Miss Elizabeth C. Smith. The reception was largely attended by members of the adoptive rite and many of their friends.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The retiring Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of this District, M. E. Robert Armour, was born in Scotland April 12, 1842. He was initiated, passed, and raised in Hiram Lodge, No. 10, of this jurisdiction, April 22, 1874; June 19, 1874, and July 17, 1874, respectively. He was elected Junior Warden December 2, 1875, re-elected Senior Warden December 21, 1877, and W. Master December 20, 1878. He became a life member September 7, 1882. He was marked, inducted, received, acknowledged, and exalted in Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, of this jurisdiction, February 1, April 11, and May 9, 1879, respectively. He was appointed Captain of the Host January 4, 1883; elected Scribe December 3, 1885; King, December 2, 1886, and E. H. P., December 1, 1887. He became a member of the Convention of High Priests, December 29, 1887, and of Washington Masonic Lodge, No. 1, of this jurisdiction, January 23, 1897. In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia he was appointed Grand Master of the First Vail December 9, 1893; Grand Master of the Second Vail December 13, 1894, and Grand Royal Arch Captain December 11, 1895. He was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 1896 and Grand Scribe in 1898 and Deputy Grand High Priest in 1899. He received the several degrees in Washington.

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GEORGE GIBSON, Grand Commander, Knights Templar.

ton Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, of this city, March 19, 1894. In the war for the maintenance of the Union, 1861-65, the new Grand High Priest served in the Seventy-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteers (Highlanders), as private, May, 1861, sergeant, major, October 16, 1861; second lieutenant, May 12, 1862; first lieutenant, October 16, 1862; acting assistant adjutant general, October 16, 1862; and captain, April 9, 1863. Most Ex. Companion Armour has held for many years the position of chief of the finance division of the Quartermaster General's office, War Department.

A SERIOUS BUT CHEERY GREETING

Isaac P. Noyes, Thirty-third degree, of this city, has issued an unique fraternal New Year greeting to his brethren. It contains the following striking philosophical statements in support of the doctrine of the immortality of the soul:

"1. There either is a hereafter or there is not."

"2. If not, there ought to be."

"3. This life without a more complete one to follow it would be a miserable failure."

"4. The power which has made what we see here ought to be able to make something more complete."

"5. If there be a future existence for the souls of this life, it would seem that the higher the existence here the higher the existence hereafter, and that what was wanting and incomplete here should be made good in the life which follows."

"6. That the life to come is a life of progression and advancement beyond this."

"7. That not only man will advance, but all created beings will advance to higher and higher grades."

MASONIC NOTES.

Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T., will undertake a pilgrimage to New York on the 30th instant.

Rear Admiral Schley will be the guest of the Knights Templar, of Louisville and Nashville, from January 29 to February 2. He will visit Louisville as the guest of the Board of Trade and the Knights Templar of that city; February 1, 2, and 3 he will be in Nashville as the guest of the Board of Trade and Knights Templar.

Admiral Schley is a Sir Knight of Columbia Commandery K. T., of this city, and expected to attend the Louisville convocation last year.

He was not in the Louisville line of march with his fraters of Columbia Commandery, as he had hoped to be, but nevertheless, he was cheered again and again all along the long line, and every mention of his name in addresses elicited great applause.

William R. Singleton Lodge No. 20, F. A. A. M., of Tenleytown, has organized a stock company to build a Masonic Temple in that suburb. The capital stock has been placed at \$12,000, divided into 1,000 shares, the par value of each being a little over \$10. The company is named the William R. Singleton Stock Company, and a committee consisting of Dr. J. W. Chappell, chairman; Dr. Anthony M. Ray, I. E. Shoemaker, Samuel O. Wendel, Charles C. Lancaster, Frank H. Thomas, Alexander Yowell, and Thomas M. Bowling, has been appointed to arrange the plans of the new organization. Articles of incorporation will be drawn up and presented at an early date.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

On the first of January John C. Yost succeeded John M. Kline as supreme representative from the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of this District to the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the

world. Mr. Yost was elected to this office at the meeting of the Grand Lodge last February, but his term did not begin until the first of this year. His colleague from the District in the Supreme Lodge is George W. Heasley. Two other District Pythians have votes in the Supreme body. They are Edward Dunn and John W. Thompson. The former is a life member of the Supreme Lodge by virtue of his being the oldest living Past Supreme Chancellor, and Mr. Thompson, who is familiarly known as Uncle John, by reason of the fact that he holds the position of Supreme Outer Guard. Supreme Representative Kline, who retired with the old year, has made a very able, energetic and enthusiastic member of the Supreme Lodge, serving on many important committees, and rendering excellent



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service. Past Grand Chancellor Yost, who succeeds him can also be depended on for good work in the highest Pythian body of the world.

LODGE ELECTIONS.

Calanthe Lodge, No. 11, K. of P., closed the old year with one of the most successful meetings in its history. The work was in the second and third grades as put in the most approved style. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: C. C. Thomas, R. Riley; V. C. Israel Sommers; prelate, Samuel H. Jacobson; M. of E., N. R. Jenner; M. of T., E. D. Frazier, re-elected; K. of R. and S., G. W. Hall, re-elected; M. of W., J. T. Barkman; M. at A., John F. Gerhold; inner guard, E. E. Elliott; outer guard, Joseph E. E. Elliott; outer guard, George W. Bauman, re-elected; W. L. Phillips, J. F. Skidmore, and S. L. Gardiner, lodge trustees; J. W. Carter, George W. Bauman, A. A. Rock, R. A. Reeves, and S. L. Gardiner, representatives to the Grand Lodge.

Century Lodge, K. of P., has elected the following officers: Chancellor commander, E. E. Simpson; vice chancellor, William H. Robertson; prelate, A. C. Waite; keeper of records and seal, Clarence Lewis (re-elected); mace-bearer, George W. Bauman, re-elected; inner guard, Brother McQueen; representative to the Grand Lodge, J. W. Walker (re-elected); J. W. Walker (re-elected); N. Bunch, J. L. Holland. They will be installed next Thursday evening.

INSTALLATION AT AMARANTH.

Amaranth Lodge, No. 28, K. of P., through Chancellor Commander Dr. W. E. Bradley and Keeper of Records and Seal J. R. S. Dickens, has issued cards for the installation of the officers of Amaranth at Northeast Temple, Twelfth and H Streets northeast, next Monday night at 8:30.

ODD FELLOWS.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will hold its semi-annual meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall, Seventh Street northwest, January 15. The Grand lodge was organized in January, 1851, and is now sixty-eight years old. The annual reports already prepared show the order to be in a flourishing condition. Much important legislation will be disposed of on this occasion, but there will be no election of grand officers. Friendship Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., installed its officers Thursday night.

The officers of Canton Washington, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be installed Tuesday evening, January 7. The members of the subordinate encampments have been invited to be present and witness the ceremony. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: D. V. Chisholm, Captain; D. D. Shackelford, Lieutenant; William H. Earnest, Ensign; S. E. Hoyer, Clerk; E. W. Bradford, Sergeant.

Fellows, held Wednesday evening, January 1, the following officers were installed by Grand Patriarch George A. Crawford: Robert R. Williams, C. P.; Joseph Burroughs, H. P.; Leroy Essex Bomax, S. S.; Thomas W. Fowler, Scribe for the last half of the thirty-eight-year, continuous service; Alonzo R. Vermillion, Treasurer (re-elected); George S. Collins, Grand High Priest (re-elected); E. C. Grumley, 1st W.; J. E. Fowler, 2d W.; Andrew Turnbull, 3d W.; C. D. Shackelford, 4th W.; George Z. Colson, 5th W.; George W. Bauman, 6th W.; T. Lewis S. Kann, 1st S.; and C. S. Simonds, O. S. At the conclusion of the ceremony remarks were made by the Grand Patriarch, the Rev. Richard Emmons; William P. Allan, Grand Representative; D. V. Keck, Grand Treasurer; John H. Wood, Grand High Priest, and Patriarch E. W. Bradford and Paragon, after which J. A. Shackelford, the Com-missary, appeared with a bountiful supply of ice cream and cake, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

At the meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, held Thursday evening, January 2, 1902, the following officers were installed by Past Grand Master J. Thomas Petty, acting as grand master: A. O. Tingley, N. G. (re-elected); A. G. Burdett, L. G.; H. V. Hisebe, R. S. (re-elected); Robert R. Williams, F. S. (re-elected); Thomas W. Fowler, Treasurer (re-elected); George W. Bauman, Grand High Priest; Moore, O. G.; A. Turnbull, R. S. to N. G.; Frank C. Carter, L. S. to N. G.; U. G. Balderston, Conductor; A. E. Spots, 1st G.; Charles F. Rehn, L. S.; Aaron Kent, L. S. S.; R. Wines, R. S. to V. G.; Claude Barnett, L. S. to V. G.; D. T. Batson, Chaplain. The total membership of the lodge is 145.

ANCIENT ORDER HIBERNIANS.

The local councils of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are exerting every effort for a suitable celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. The matter has been placed in the hands of a committee composed of the seven presidents and one other person to be appointed from each of the divisions.

Washington Hibernians are engaged in arranging for an entertainment to provide funds with which to send a full delegation to the national convention to be held in June next at Denver. A strong committee has been appointed with instructions to take steps to get up the entertainment. St. Patrick's Day will be fittingly celebrated by the A. O. H. of Washington. Solemn services at St. Patrick's Church will be held, attended by the full membership of the order. Rev. Dr. Stafford is making special arrangements in his church for the becoming celebration of the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland.

Grand Chancellor D. E. Wiber, attended by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, officiated at the public installation of the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 21, on Thursday evening. The large castle hall was handsomely decorated with palms and garlands, and was crowded with guests. During the evening an excellent programme was rendered, and at the conclusion an abundant supply of refreshments was served by the lodge.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

At the regular meeting of this court, held January 3, 1902, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by Deputy Grand Chief Ranger R. H. Epley, assisted by Brother George W. Bauman, C. P. Past Chief Ranger, E. L. Jordan; Chief Ranger, John Prender; Sub-Chief Ranger, H. W. Seedy; Treasurer, T. K. Plant; Financial Secretary, G. A. Greer; Senior Secretary, W. L. McMillen; Junior Secretary, J. W. Davidson; Junior Beadle, R. Rohrer, and trustee for three years, J. W. Hendley, sr.; Physician, W. M. Barton.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Washington Council, Knights of Columbus, had an interesting meeting Monday night.

THE MACCABEES.

D. W. Gall, State commander of the Maccabees, this week issued the following New Year circular to the membership:

"Another year has gone into history, and as Maccabees we have one thing at least to be thankful for, and that is, we have had protection for our families had death visited us, but we are alive, and I trust will, for this too, we should be thankful. Have we done all we could have done? We are not to live for ourselves alone, but for the good that we can do. Our order has prospered greatly during the year. In this jurisdiction about 600 new members have been added, and we are proud to have them. We have a special dispensation reducing the membership fee from \$5 to \$1 during the first ninety days of 1902, making the total cost to become a member \$12.50."

"It is my object to widen the sphere of our order in the District of Columbia, and I need your aid and co-operation."

"We now have a membership of about 1,000 in the District of Columbia, and a net gain of 600 during the year."

MACCABEE NOTES.

The officers of State No. 4 were installed Thursday night by State Commander D. W. Gall.

Georgetown Tent, No. 6, has removed to a new home, Old Georgetown Hall, Thirty-first and M Streets northwest.

D. W. Gall, the State Commander, has an office in the Smith building, 615 F Street, second floor, room 3, where he can be found, when not engaged outside.

State Commander L. G. Mangum, of Baltimore, passed the holidays with friends in this city.

Golden Rule Tent, No. 2, had a public installation of officers at its hall, 623 Louisiana Avenue, Friday evening, January 3. Refreshments were served by Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, at its installation Thursday night and will be served by National, No. 1, at its installation Saturday night.

Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, made a fraternal visit to Golden Rule Tent, No. 2, on Friday night.

District Tent, No. 8, did excellent work during the month of December in F. O. D. up its membership.

The Maccabees closed the year with 1,400 members in the District of Columbia, a net gain of 600 during the year.

During 1901 the Maccabees added 600

new names to the rolls of the tents in the District of Columbia. This council is increasing rapidly in membership and the interest in the meetings is growing.

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

Seltse Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men, held its semi-annual election of officers Tuesday night at its wigwam, 910 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, and chose the following officers: Prophet, D. J. Marvin, sachem, J. G. Depoat; senior saganore, E. J. Ratigan; junior saganore, A. S. Antlin; chief of records, Dr. E. G. Johnson; keeper of wampum, George Watt; collector of wampum, E. A. McClure, and J. F. Barnes, W. Twilwell, and J. Bales, trustees.

Seltse Tribe, although one of the youngest in this city, having been instituted less than two years ago, has kept pace with the other tribes in the phenomenal growth of the order in this reservation. It is now the second largest in the District. Sachem Marvin, the retiring presiding officer, has been one of the hardest workers in the tribe, and much of the tribe's success is due to his efforts. The new presiding officer, Sachem Depoat, is the youngest presiding chief in this reservation, but he has "followed the trail" faithfully since he joined the order, and his elevation to the highest office is well merited. Seltse Tribe has the honor of possessing the finest paraphernalia of any tribe in the District, if not in the country, and its degree team compares favorably with any other team in the city.

JR. ORDER AMERICAN MECHANICS.

One of the neatest of the many tributes paid to Rear Admiral Schley was given by the Maryland councils of the Junior Order of American Mechanics this week. Through their spokesman, Rev. C. F. Wyatt, they presented him with a beautiful medal adorned with diamonds. The ceremony occurred at the Hotel Richmond. Among those present upon this occasion were John H. Connors, Joseph W. Rothrock, A. R. Ruse, F. M. Richardson, L. M. James, George A. Davis, J. H. Baker, and Joseph Castberg. Rear Admiral Schley's remarks were simple, but appropriate. He said: "The services which this beautiful emblem is intended to commemorate were those which every loyal lover of home and country will gladly perform for his people and for their peace. It was my good fortune to have participated on that eventful 24 day of July in an engagement which readjusted the geographical lines on this Continent, and this testimonial from your organization is only another recognition of my fellow-countrymen that these services have met their approval. I thank you again for this kind tribute."

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

At the last regular meeting of Potomac Lodge, No. 1824, Knights of Honor, the following were elected as officers to serve for the ensuing year: Dictator, George F. Spencer; Vice Dictator, J. G. Reeves; assistant dictator, M. Cushman; reporter, J. F. Ashford; financial reporter, J. W. Greer; treasurer, H. S. Darby; chaplain, George B. Abrams; guide, Robert Trout; land guardian, Gustav Maier; sentinel, C. C. Wood; trustees, J. G. Reeves, G. B. Abrams, D. J. Evans.

SONS OF JONADAB.

At the regular meeting of Empire Council, No. 14, Sons of Jonadab, last Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Worthing chief, Charles McGowan; vice chief, Henry C. Rehnard; grand chief, Josiah Gray; patriarch, John A. Smith; treasurer, J. F. Cooke; recording secretary, Robert T. Pywell; financial secretary, Charles Rossiter; guide, P. Spaulding; assistant guide, William Hawkins; inside watch, John Kidwell; outside watch, William Frost; trustees, A. J. Sanford, J. J. Spaulding, and R. T. Pywell.

The watch night meeting of Pioneer

Edward Gayer; outside watch, W. B. Clarke; organizer, W. C. Tilden. This council is increasing rapidly in membership and the interest in the meetings is growing.

NATIONAL UNION.

State, War and Navy Council, No. 201, National Union, has elected the following officers: C. J. Berner, president; William B. Green, vice president; Dr. O. H. Coumbe, speaker; Louis Winters, chaplain; A. R. Ringwalt, usher; Dr. Charles M. Beall, sergeant-at-arms; D. C. Morrison, doorkeeper; J. D. Torrey, secretary; Douglas Zeyerly, financial secretary; William H. Doe, assistant secretary; to cabinet, J. D. Biddis, C. T. Miller and William B. Green; delegate to immediate Relief Association, J. D. Torrey.

AMERICAN PATRIOTS.

Camp No. 3, P. O. of A., held its annual visitation Friday night and was well represented by other camps. The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. V. Sencer, president; Mrs. M. R. Mahoney, Past President; Mr. V. R. Spellman, Assistant Past President; Mrs. C. V. Thomas, Vice President; Mrs. N. H. Collins, Recording Secretary; Miss V. Hall, Financial Secretary; Mr. J. M. Mahoney, Treasurer; Mrs. Louisa Davis, Conductor; Mrs. W. E. Miller, Guide; Dr. Thomas, Sentinel. The election closed with addresses by the district president, A. E. Gorham, and the meeting adjourned to the home of Mr. George Schley, 285 Pennsylvania Avenue, where supper was served.

INDEPENDENT RECHABITES.

Jehu Tent, No. 22, Independent Order of Rechabites, met at Weller's Hall, Eighth and I Streets southeast, Tuesday night for the election of officers, with the following result: Shepher, chorist, A. Bladen; Chief Ruler, Johnson Hardy; Deputy Ruler, Frank Dony; Recording Secretary, William B. Kelly; Financial Secretary, H. B. Bean; Treasurer, J. W. Jackson; Levite, Fred N. Grimes; Inside Guard, H. C. Fowler; Outside Guard, H. T. Pigman; Chaplain, Johnson Hardy. After the regular business of the tent had been transacted watch night services were held and supper was served. At 12 o'clock arrived all gathered around the altar and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and several new members were initiated. This tent has mapped out a progressive temperance campaign for the coming winter.

Eastern Tent, No. 25, held its regular meeting in the hall 304 B Street southeast, Wednesday night.

Eagle Tent, juniors, met in its hall, 304 B Street southeast, Friday night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary A. Babcock Auxiliary No. 1 to the Henry W. Lawton Commandery, No. 28, Spanish War Veterans, was held at the residence of Mrs. Morgan D. Lewis, the Logan, Iowa Circle, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. John A. Logan, the president of the National Auxiliary, installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Miss Harriet E. Hawley; Senior Vice President, Mrs. Ruth M. G. Peaker; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Mary Sanger Driver; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nellie Hooper Barrett; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lottie V. Bell; Treasurer, Miss Rachel C. Levy; Chaplain, Mrs. Virginia Simmons; Conductress, Mrs. Daisy Blanchard Hayes; Guard, Miss Agnes I. Little, and Color Bearer, Miss Emma Sherman.

The new members elected and installed were Mrs. Gen. George E. Pickett, Miss Clara A. Spaulding, and the National Spanish War Veterans; Mrs. Besie Driver Kittle, Mrs. Lieut. George

UNION VETERAN UNION.

The Union Veteran Union participated prominently in the President's New Year reception. They were led by Commander-in-Chief R. R. Dyerforth and his staff. Among the last mentioned were George F. Poole, adjutant general; Ferdinand P. Bogie, quartermaster general; Eugene B. Payne and Charles W. Bowman, assistant adjutants general; S. S. Yoder, judge advocate general; C. C. Vetter, surgeon general; John Middleton, chief mustering officer, and the following aides-de-camp: Robert Alton, past commander-in-chief; S. S. Yoder, past commander-in-chief; Harlow S. Street, past commander-in-chief; J. R. Hayes, past division commander; A. M. Legge, past division commander; W. E. Deament, a Mexican war veteran; E. W. Oyster, Fred Hope, and J. M. Chase.

THE VETERANS.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic belonging to the Department of the Potomac, accompanied by members holding membership in other departments, united in calling on the President on New Year Day. The veterans marched from 1412 Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. They were led by Commander Israel Stone, G. A. R., and were immediately commended by Captain J. M. Edgar, of the Old Guard. All wore uniforms, and nearly all had the prescribed dark overcoats and white gloves. Some 500 veterans were in line. The officers were Israel Stone, commander; Benjamin F. Nighman, Senior Vice Commander; Ivory G. Kimball, Junior Vice Commander; Dr. Thos. Catler, Medical Director; Edward C. Stevens, Chaplain; B. P. Enright, Assistant Adjutant General; George E. Davis, Assistant Quartermaster General; George P. Davis, Judge Advocate; Alfred Shaw, Inspector; H. W. Thoms, Chief Mustering Officer, and O. H. Oldroyd, Chief of Staff.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

The Spanish War Veterans formed a distinctive feature of the New Year reception at the Executive Mansion. Commander-in-Chief Gen. W. H. Hubbell and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief M. Emmett Trell led the organization to the White House. There was a large turnout of Spanish War Veterans, and the command being led by Capt. Lee M. Lipscomb and Capt. D. V. Chisholm. The command marched from 612 E Street northwest. The service uniforms were as far as possible, and all who participated had dark clothes, campaign hats and white gloves.

JUNIOR MECHANICS' ELECTION.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term by Constellation Council, No. 39, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, at their regular meeting, December 31: Councilor, Samuel E. Sparsbott; Vice Councilor, John W. Lowry; Junior Past Councilor, Fred G. Feilinger; Recording Secretary, William L. Boyden; Assistant Recording Secretary, George W. Collins, Jr.; Financial Secretary, Louis M. Treasurer, J. Harry Cunningham; Conductor, C. B. Brown; Warden, John D. Lohoff; Jr.; Inner Sentinel, George C. Lowry; Outer Sentinel, James D. Avery; Representative to Funeral Benefit Association, William L. Boyden.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Major E. R. Campbell, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, who was elected to that position at the encampment in Providence last September, is himself a veteran of the civil war, and is particularly desirous of building up the Sons as an organization and drawing them into closer and more useful union with the older body.

At Gen. Eli Torrance, at the head of the G. A. R., is also a son of a veteran, as well as a veteran, Major Campbell has issued in several general orders a call to the comrades of the G. A